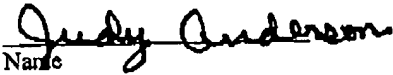


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I, Craig E. Cox, declare as follows:

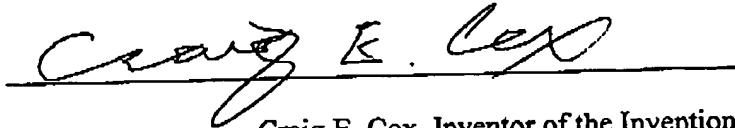
1. I am a named inventor in the above-captioned application and the subject matter described and claimed therein.
2. It is my understanding that various claims in the above-recited patent application have been rejected in view of United States Patent 6,960,329, filed March 12, 2002, and entitled Method and Apparatus for Removing Mercury Species from Hot Flue Gas.

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3. The invention as described and claimed in the above-captioned patent application (10/690,219) was conceived prior to March 12, 2002 and was followed by diligence until constructive reduction to practice of filing the above-captioned patent application. I participated in the conception and development of the claimed scrubbing system and contributed to the disclosures which were subsequently used in preparation of the above-referenced patent application. Exhibit 1 contains a redacted version of evidence of conception, which describes, in part, the invention, and which was prepared prior to March 12, 2002. Exhibit 2 contains a summary and identification of activities which occurred between conception and constructive reduction to practice which illustrate that the invention was diligently developed through business and engineering activities.

4. I declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful, false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful, false statement may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

DATED this 3rd day of July, 2006.


Craig E. Cox, Inventor of the Invention